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MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Directors - Area Agencies on Aging
Area Agencies on Aging Transportation Managers

FROM: Faye D. Cates, MSSW, Human Services Program Coordinator

DATE: June 21, 2005

**SUBJECT: UNITED WE RIDE TRANSPORTATION INVENTORY ORIENTATION
SESSION SCHEDULED AT VDA ON JULY 26, 2005**

On February 24, 2004, President Bush signed the Executive Order on Human Service Transportation Coordination and continued the United We Ride (UWR) initiative¹. UWR is a national initiative to enhance human service transportation for older adults, individuals with disabilities, and people with lower incomes by breaking down barriers among programs to simplify access, reduce duplication and increase cost efficiencies. The Commonwealth of Virginia received a small United We Ride State Coordination Grant in 2004.

The Commonwealth's grant awarded to the Department of Rail and Public Transit (DRPT) will support the immediate development of a collaboratively developed **Inventory of Virginia's Current Human Service Transportation System** that will focus on identification of current vehicles, equipment, and coordination efforts in place as well as expenditures, costs, and benefits of coordinated and stand-alone systems. This inventory will provide a clear and objective baseline of the Commonwealth's human service transportation resources and its unmet needs. The inventory will show areas where coordination across agencies has been beneficial as well as areas where coordination may impede services to certain populations or areas. The results of the inventory will be used to assist the Commonwealth in the future in development of a meaningful State Action Plan for Coordinating Human Service Transportation.

DRPT is ready to move forward and has scheduled a **July 26, 2005**, training for AAA transportation managers on the inventory instrument. The training will take place in the VDA conference room. AAA transportation managers and/or their designee who will complete the online inventory are asked to reserve this date for the training. This will be your opportunity to meet with DRPT staff as they review the inventory instrument and clarify any questions you might have about the process. So hold the July 26th date and more information will follow in the near future.

¹ March 1, 2005, Tuesday Mailing # 05-79, Bush Administration Executive Order For Human Service Transportation Coordination

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FROM: Tim M. Catherman
 Deputy Commissioner, Support Services

DATE: June 21, 2005

SUBJECT: Virginia Aging and AoA in the News

Below are Virginia Aging or AoA related articles that have occurred since last week's Tuesday E-mailing. These links do not require a paid service; however, some (like the Washington Post, etc.) ask a brief survey or registration. Please note some links are time sensitive and can change daily. Some articles may be editorial and/or political. Links are presented 'as is'.

If you are aware of additional articles, please e-mail me a link for inclusion next week.

Virginia AAAs In the News

[Nursing home has plan for correction](#)

Charlottesville Daily Progress - Charlottesville, VA

... of having to relocate patients," said Joani Latimer, the long-term care ombudsman for the ... gov, the average number of deficiencies in Virginia nursing homes ...

[Getting the word out about Medicare Part D](#)

Roanoke Times - Roanoke, VA

... Stimson and VICAP volunteers are available through the NRV Agency on Aging to meet ... For information about the YMCA at Virginia Tech Open University Class to be ...

[New public bus service to begin next month](#)

Coalfield Progress - Norton, VA

... depending on need. Four County Transit of Appalachian Agency for Senior Citizens, Inc. has created the new system. A Four County ...

[Dominion Generation Meets Record Demand for Electricity](#)

Yahoo News (press release) - USA

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... The company, in conjunction with the Virginia Department for the Aging, provides box fans through the Fan Care program to elderly Virginians who need help ...

[Phew! Temperatures likely to drop](#)

Richmond Times Dispatch - Richmond, VA

... company met a record one-hour demand from its Virginia and North ... Thelma Bland Watson, executive director of Senior Connections, Capital Area Agency on Aging. ...

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SUBJECT: AIM Reports Update

Leonard Eshmont has created two new AIM reports and modified one existing report that will also be used to assess and monitor the accuracy of the client data. They are VA95 "VDA NAPIS Group – Individuals and Units", VA 115 "VDA NAPIS Group Detail and Units" and VA08 "VDA – Clients Receiving Service without a Recent Nutritional Screening". Sample copies of the reports are available on the VDA website AIM page.

The VA95 is a report used monthly to enter the number of units by services in the AMR. It also provides the total number of units for the time period selected. A column has been added to identify the number of units keyed into the AIM system more than 31 days after the service was delivered. The percentage of units keyed 31 days after the service was provided is on the last line. The goal is to keep this number to a minimum.

The VA115 report lists by clients the number of units provided for the time-period selected. If the number of units exceeds 2 units per day, the service is indicated in red with the asterisks "Average Greater Than 2 Units". The last page of the VA115 report summarizes by service the number of clients with more than 2 units per day.

The VA08 report lists clients with at least one unit of service in Home Delivered Meal, Congregate Meal, Case Management, or CCEVP without a complete Nutritional Assessment on file. Clients appear on this report only if one of the ten Nutritional Assessment questions are not answered 'Yes' or 'No'. The last line indicates the Number of Clients missing information.

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All three reports will be useful to you as managers to ensure the AIM data is entered correctly. As with other AIM reports, Raymond Williams will request you to print these reports for your agency when he comes to monitor. If you have any questions, please call Leonard Eshmont at (804) 662-9800.

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SUBJECT: JLARC Study – Request UPDATE

As you know the 2004 General Assembly passed House Joint Resolution 103 for JLARC to study the impact of the aging population demand for state agency services.

JLARC would like to present a more complete picture of AAA funding than our AMR can provide. VDA can and has supplied information on federal and state funding. However, our reporting forms do not adequately capture local government funding.

Please complete the following table to account for the expenditures reported on the “Other Funds – Non-Federal” line submitted on your 13th month AMR report for FY2004. **This is identical to the survey that was completed last year. We are requesting it to be updated for FY 2004.** You do not need to report funding by individual service. However, please report funding by locality/jurisdiction. List **all** local governments/ jurisdictions in your service area even if they did not provide any funding. Also list other funding to make the table total correctly. If the other funding is substantial (25% or more) it would be helpful to describe the source and amount separately. Finally if your agency receives additional funding from a local government for a service or program not reported on the AMR, please describe by locality the purpose of the funds and the amount.

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In column 1 list the locality/jurisdiction and other source providing the funding. In column 2 list dollar amount. Identify “Other Sources” individually if 25% or more than the Total.

Other Funds – Non-Federal by Locality/Jurisdiction – List by Locality:	Amount
Other Sources:	
Total (must equal amount reported on “Other Funds – Non-Federal” line on the 13 th month report for FY2004)	

Additional Locality/Jurisdiction Funding <u>NOT</u> Reported on the AMR – List by Locality	Amount

Additional Federal Funding <u>NOT</u> Reported on the AMR (e.g.: Medicaid, etc.)	Amount

Please complete this form and fax or e-mail it by Thursday, July 11, 2005. If you have any questions, please call Warren McKeon at (804) 662-9320 or Jane Snead at (804) 662-9329.

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FROM: Ellen M. Nau, Human Services Program Coordinator

DATE: June 21, 2005

SUBJECT: Best Practices in Family Caregiving

Bethany Circle of Love

A new Adult Day Services Facility opened in Reedsville on May 15. Established with the aid of a Virginia Department for the Aging Respite Grant, the Department of Social Services licensed facility is located in a new wing built at Bethany United Methodist Church in Reedsville. Kevin J. Hulbert published an article about the Bethany Circle of Love Program in a Northern Neck newspaper. It reflects the program's benefits to the community's caregivers. The article is attached in PDF.

Moms in the Middle

Bay Aging participated in an Elder Locator program honoring "moms in the middle". Persons were asked to share their stories about a mom who is caring for an older adult while also raising a child. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Assistant Secretary for Aging Josefina Carbonell asserts that "moms in the middle" are increasing every year and many are employed outside the home. The goal of the "moms in the middle" program is to honor Moms and to raise community awareness about the services that are available through the state and local area agencies to help "moms in the middle". Bay Aging forwarded stories to Elder Locator by Bay Aging by May 3. All "moms in the middle" subjects of entries received a certificate of recognition. One entry was randomly selected for a \$500.00 day of relaxation. Additionally, Bay Aging drew a random entry from the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula to receive a spa day donated by Kristy's Day Spa and an anonymous donor.

Use of the Internet Combats Caregiver Isolation

Recognizing that the day-to-day questions and concerns of caregivers may need answers before a support group meeting, Mountain Empire Older Citizens, Inc. launched a program to train Powell Valley High School students to instruct older caregivers on the use of the internet. Nolan Kilgore and Pat Johnson from the Wise County School system and Ann Deusing of the University of Virginia's College at Wise Health Sciences Library assembled materials to train student volunteers about Alzheimer's disease and the challenges faced by Alzheimer patients' caregivers. Websites with pertinent information for caregivers are part of the curriculum. Pat Johnson hopes that caregivers will gain relaxation from using the internet for information on hobbies and interests as well as communicating with other caregivers, family members and friends. Caregiver participants who cannot afford computers are being supplied a surplus computer from the Wise County School system. Caregivers who cannot afford an internet connection are provided one free for a year through a grant obtained by MEOC. Marilyn Maxwell, Executive Director of MEOC is thrilled with the "...incredible patience, kindness and enthusiasm..." of the students that make the project work. For the whole story on this innovative project consult the June 2005 Edition of The Mountain Empire News. Contact: Mountain Empire Older Citizens, Inc. –Julia Trivett Dillon – Director of Family Services at 276-523-4202.